

TEACHING THE WORD.

There are no first principles, which lie back of and to no part of them. The practical positions of the Bible are the points which are to be assumed, and treated as principles from which to proceed, and we would reason to any good purpose.

"It gives a light to every age.
It gives—but borrows none."

(*Permanence*)

FAMILIES.—Families are so many enclosures, raised from the tumultuous encroachments and throes of public commerce, and sequestered to the culture of every calm, and tranquil, and benevolent disquisitions of thought and feeling too delicate and

testant church, and her sister at Wrens, they began to feel the cares of the world, and she began to feel that she was allowed to take charge of her, and her education was conducted under auspices which were every reason to believe, that she is now a bright and useful member of the community whose faith she has derived from the strongest conviction of its purity.

[*Memor of Felix*]

"I literally did this child obey the divine precept, 'I stand at the altar, and eat and drink for the dead,' and I stand at the altar and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." 1st Cor. vi. 16.

What we have from God, we cannot keep to God; keep, therefore, thy acquaintance with the true and the false truth will not keep her acquaintance long. God is light; thou art going into the darkness, so thou turnest thy back upon him. We have a better advantage to find truth, and keep it also, than to deny it; pray, therefore, for the soul that is contending about it, and dispute not the soul at the altar of the living; upraise, sincerely, come

The Christian's fellowship with God is rather a habit than a rapture. He is a pilgrim, who has the habit of looking forward to the light before him, but he has the habit of not looking back: he has the habit of walking steadily in the way, whatever be the weather, and whatever the road. These are his habits; the Lord of the way is his Guide, Protector, Friend and Felicity.

from civilar, have, during the last year, prevailed in both clusters of the islands, and have not only excited painful apprehensions of outrage and violence, but have interrupted for a time, at some of the stations, the attendance on the schools, and on the means of public instruction. The tranquillity of the islands, however, was restored when the latest accounts from the islands were sent away, and the schools were again in regular operation in the windward islands. In the leeward, one of the missionaries, who had been obliged to leave his station for a time, was about to resume his labors: although apprehensions were still entertained, with regard to these islands, that the people would be again excited against him. The majority of the church members, especially in the westward islands, had, in all these perils, remained steadfast; many who had been separated had returned to their communities, and a number from time to time continued to render assistance to its privileges, of whom it was not without hope that they were living in the exercise of penitence towards God and faith in our Lord

Notwithstanding all these attempts that have been made to bring discredit on the mission, by preferring vague and sweeping charges against the missionaries and by representing the conduct of those of the native population as profane, as being the requirements of religion, who are the greatest pests of society and causes of continual grief to the missionaries and the pillars of the community, as applicable to the whole population—to the members of the churches as well as to those who profess to be intelligent Christians will regard the commencement and the progress of the work of God in the South Seas as demonstrating most unequivocally the wisdom and the goodness of the Most High. He will admit the strong claims which the missionaries have on the gratitude of the natives, and will acknowledge that the dangers will excite more frequent fervent prayer on their behalf, that this portion of the missionary field may still flourish in the growth of the Kingdom of God, and that the efforts and endeavors which God is opening before them for the introduction of the gospel to the Marquesas on the one hand and the Navigator's Islands on the other, will encourage the friends of the Society to more vigorous exertions to reap these fields, that appear indeed already white unto the harvest.

During the last five or six voyages of a vessel sails out of this port, it is supposed that not less than twenty or thirty of her men were brought from the coast to light while on board, and nearly all of them, as far as is known, still give good evidence of a change. She recently arrived at this port, bringing several of her crew hopefully born again, with a new song in their mouth, even praise to the living God. This vessel is the brig *Louisa*, commanded by J. C. Brewer, and trading to Amsterdam. The following is a short account of her last voyage:

tirely on a crew, with the exception of the mate and a few sailors, they sailed from New York May 1, 1839, for Amsterdam. At night when the Captain laid the hands aft to set the watch, he informed that they were on board of a religious vessel, and that the rules and regulations of the were expected to be observed. At this point he noticed that some of his crew had plunged so deeply in dissipation while on shore that they were unable to get up the next morning, and yet not yet to have recovered from its effects, and that almost stupefied with the horrors.²⁸ The Captain said:—We went on with our meetings till we arrived at Amsterdam, though the weather was extremely stormy. At the first of our going on in a glorious manner, we had reason to hope that one man is converted. All the rest of the sailors are under very deep conviction for sin.²⁹

The manner in which these meetings are conducted deserves notice. They are held in the parlour, and are free to all hands. All hands to be taken assemble in the cabin, where the captain takes the lead of the meeting, reads the scriptures, a hymn in which he is assisted by as many as are disposed to sing, offers up a prayer to God who rules the winds and waves, and then reads the word of God. When some remarks upon portions of Scripture, after which exhortation, singing, chapter, sermon, tract, exhortation, intentions, all or others or give liberty.

N. B. Four others were hopelessly converted the voyage.

Capt. Brewer and crew attended the Bethel meeting on the evening, Sept. 4th, 1832. Held church of chapter filled—very interesting—he men spoke very much to the satisfaction of the

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CITY MISSION.—In the past eighteen months the Philadelphia City Mission Society made nearly 25,000 visits, of which 3,500 were to the poor. There have been 161 religious meetings, which have been attended by 1,200 persons; 224 Bibles, 51 New Testaments, and upwards of 146,000 pages of tracts; have caused a number of persons to be sent to common schools, and 673 to Sunday Schools; and have induced 212 persons to become members of churches. They have also, it is believed, been the means of effecting much good in public temperance, and in exciting attention to religious education.

CINCINNATI LANE SEMINARY.—Between sixty theological students are known who will enter the present class and the next, most of whom will probably enter the second class. Two professors are now in progress, and will be ready for the early next spring. A seminary edifice, containing a hundred single rooms, will be ready for the use of pupils in a few days. Fifty-one acres of land, adjoining the present farm, have been

SOUTH SEA MISSIONS.

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was a total cessation from all kinds of employment, and an appropriation of the day to reading and religious service appeared at the time in a state in which it had seldom been seen, even in these far greater advantages have been would have been folly to suppose that it appeared to be. Many, undoubtedly, dissatisfactions and others without

ers were the mask of religion, professing to feel, publicly abstained from vices, and the justification of which they still cherished observances, in which inwardly they were. But this state of things, to which numbers might give birth, could not long have thrown off the disguise; others retained the time; until numbers have shown that Christianity was nothing more than empty observance. All this has occurred, there were few numbers who acted from the firmest judgment, and the strong bias of those who were moved by pure and scriptural

The annexed census of two of the stations, which was extracted from the recent communications of the missionaries, will show very nearly the proportion of those who have by baptism made a profession of religion, and those who are united in church-fellowship, to the entire population of the respective stations, and probably, not inapplicable to the other stations and islands.

Burder's Point.			
		Mrs.	Women, Boys, &c.
In Church Fellowship	Baptized	72	71
Adults	Baptized	166	103
	Of parents	181	61
Children	Of persons, professing Christianity—Baptized		123
	Of unbaptized parents		72
	Total		

Hawcitt-Town.			
		Mrs.	Women, Boys, &c.
Church Members	Adults	197	189
Baptized	Children	232	176
Unbaptized	Adults	310	80
	Children		54
	Total		

The members of the churches, so far as intelligence and industry are concerned, have been well educated and have been able to contend against the seductive and pernicious inclinations of their own hearts; they are able to do the reproach of their countrymen, who suspect appears in humiliating contrast with the reality. And many souls are laid for them as the objects of ridicule and derision, and are misrep- resented by the religious by whom they are visited. It is painful to be unable to resist the impression of the majority of those who visit them as a mis- representation in favor of religion. It is painful to see the immaturity of their Christian char- acter, and to find that the cause of their un- derstanding is of no unimportant cause for thanksgiving to God. The numbers that are every year added to the churches show also that the Lord hath not as- saken the work of his hands. But, it is to be pre- sumed, rendered the missionaries less cir- cumspect in their proceedings, nor less careful in their efforts to ascertain the substantialness of their converts into Christian- ity. It is to be desired, besides, that the individuals who were united to the churches in the

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